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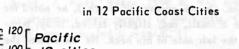
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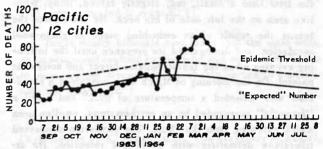
PROVISIONAL INFORMATION ON SELECTED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 4, 1964

# INFLUENZA

The incidence of influenza has declined in the Pacific Coast States during the past week. Pneumonia and influenza deaths in 12 reporting cities in the Pacific Coast geographic subdivision also declined for the second consecutive week, although this figure remains above the epidemic threshold.

In Oregon reported cases of influenza-like disease declined last week for the second consecutive week. The incidence of influenza-like disease in California appeared to decrease last week as evidenced by the following indices: reports of respiratory illness, school absenteeism, number of respirovirus specimens submitted for diagnostic testing, and pneumonia-influenza deaths, all of which declined from previous weekly totals.





Pneumonia-Influenza Deaths

Table 1. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: (Cumulative totals include revised and delayed reports through previous weeks)

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Brucellosis	10	10	13	100	87	148		
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Typhoid fever	8	14	13	89	93	128		
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### Table 2. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OF LOW FREQUENCY

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## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

#### ANTHRAX - Ohio

One case of anthrax, fatal, was reported by Ohio for the week ended April 4. This is the second case reported in the United States thus far in 1964. This case represents the first anthrax fatality in the United States since 1961, and the first cutaneous anthrax fatality since at least 1952.

The patient was a 36-year-old male who installed pipe insulation. On the evening of March 2, he noted for the first time a small, red, slightly raised, itchy, burnlike area on the left side of his neck. He considered the lesion the result of an embedded piece of glass-wool insulation, and disregarded its presence until the following evening when the lesion became larger and somewhat painful. On the morning of March 4 he consulted a physician who recorded a temperature of 99.2° and noted a "furuncle" surrounded by an erythematous, swollen area which extended onto the chest. The physician suspected fiberglass dermatitis with secondary infection. He attempted unsuccessfully to culture the lesion after incision with a scalpel. The doctor recommended local therapy and systemic penicillin; the patient refused treatment.

The patient returned to work, but a co-worker observed that he worked more slowly than usual. When the patient returned home, he went to sleep instead of eating dinner. Upon awakening, he complained of pain in his neck. He consulted another physician, who described the patient as acutely ill; his temperature was 102.2°F. The physician described a reddish, vesicular area, with surrounding induration. Doughy edema was noted, extending down onto the left side of his chest, to the level of the 5th or 6th intercostal space. No exudate or swollen lymph nodes were noted. Physical examination of the heart and lungs was normal. The patient reluctantly agreed to enter a hospital at 10:30 p.m., March 4. After several blood cultures were obtained, treatment was started with parenteral chloramphenicol. On the following morning, the lesion was more erythematous and edematous; a consultant considered a diagnosis of erysipelas and added intravenous penicillin to the regimen.

By that afternoon, the edema has spread to the right side of his chest and to his jaw. The basic lesion was 3 x 1.5 cm.; there was no discharge or eschar. At one edge a small vesicle developed, followed within the next 12 hours by several additional vesicles. The attending physicians had increasing difficulty maintaining his blood pressure during the next 15 hours despite the use of vasopressors, blood and steroids.

He convulsed and died on the morning of March 6, 4 days after clinical onset. At autopsy the only significant finding was the previously noted local lesion and edema. Pre-mortem blood cultures grew Bacillus anthracis after the patient's death.

Extensive epidemiological studies of possible home and occupational exposures to infected material indicated but a single suspect source, hair-felt material which he used to insulate pipes. Ordinarily, the company used hair-felt composed of 75 percent jute and 25 percent cattle hair; substitute material, however, had been employed recently which contained 50 percent imported raw goat hair, the remainder being cattle hair.

The particular roll of hair-felt the patient had used during the 7 days preceding his illness was located. B. anthracis was isolated from 9 of 15 samples obtained from both the original roll and from pipes he had covered during this period. Four samples of raw imported goat hair of the type used in the involved hair-felt were cultured; B. anthracis was isolated from 2. Five cultures of the usual hair-felt normally employed in the business were negative for B. anthracis.

Although cases of anthrax have been reported from other felt companies, this was the first known case among employees of this particular concern.

(Reported by Harold Decker, M.D., Chief, Communicable Disease Division, and Charles Croft, M.D., Chief, Division of Laboratories, Ohio State Dept. of Health; T. A. Cockburn, M.D., Asst. Commissioner, Cincinnati Board of Health, J. Edwin Reed, M.D., Commissioner, Hamilton County Health Department, Louis W. Gaker, M.D., Commissioner, Butler County Health Department, and the Communicable Disease Center.)

### TYPHOID FEVER - Texas

An outbreak of 6 cases of typhoid fever due to Salmonella typhi, Phage Type E, was traced to well water apparently contaminated by a carrier.

The 6 patients were among 20 relatives who had attended a family gathering near Raywood, Texas, for a few hours July 4. Fifteen to 17 days later, 3 of the children, 2 of the women, and one of the men attending this gathering became ill with symptoms suggestive of typhoid fever. Two of the patients lived in Louisiana, 2 in Houston, Texas, and 2 in Raywood, Texas. The Houston cases were confirmed by blood and stool cultures, which demonstrated S. typhi, Phage Type E; the remaining 4 cases were clinically consistent with the diagnosis of typhoid fever.

Although no food had been consumed at the reunion, it was learned that the women and children had drunk water from a private well. Only one man consumed water, and he contracted typhoid fever.

The well was 16 ft. in depth, with a 1½ inch pipe imbedded in sand. The surrounding hole was much larger

than the pipe, thus easily allowing surface drainage to enter.

Investigation of the suspected premises revealed human feces strewn in the yard from slop jars used during the night, and feces deposited behind trees and outbuildings. Although an outside toilet was available, it apparently was rarely used.

Ot fecal specimens obtained from occupants of the house, S. typhi, Phage Type E, was isolated from an asymptomatic male member of the family. Cultures of the well water revealed S. typhi E.

Texas health officials concluded that the male host, an unsuspected typhoid carrier who had never been known to have had the disease, had probably served to contaminate the well water.

(Reported by J. E. Peavy, M.D., Commissioner of Health, and M. S. Dickerson, M.D., Epidemiologist, State of Texas Department of Health.)

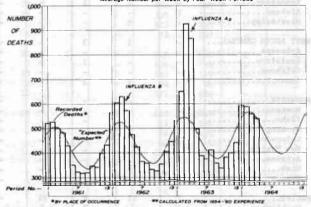
### SUMMARY OF PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA DEATHS

The weekly average number of pneumonia-influenza deaths for the four-week period ending April 4 was 538 as compared with an expected weekly average of 541.

#### PNEUMONIA-INFLUENZA DEATHS IN 108 CITIES

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	3/14	3/21	3/28	4/4	Total	Average	
Observed	572	554	475	550	2,151	538	
Expected	552	545	537	528	2,162	541	
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# PNEUMONIA-INFLUENZA DEATHS in 108 U.S. CITIES Average Number per Week by Four-Week Periods



(See Table, page 123)

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Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES FOR WEEKS ENDED

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Table 4 (B). REPORTED PNEUMONIA-INFLUENZA DEATHS IN REPORTING CITIES

(Tables 4(A), 4(B), 4(C), and 4(D) will be published in sequence covering a four-week period.) $^{\circ}$ 

Area		For wee	ks ending		Area	For weeks ending				
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Bridgeport, Conn.	3	3	6	4*				5	8	
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	1	2	2	7	Charlotte, N.C.	2	1	atti Tek	11111	
Fall River, Mass	2	1		2	Jacksonville, Fla	2	4	1	1	
Hartford, Conn		2	1		Miami, Fla	1.00	1	1	4 111	
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Lynn, Mass	-	- 12°		WE -	Richmond, Va	5	4	1	1.0	
New Bedford, Mass		111/2	-	1	Savannah, Ga	4	6	2		
New Haven, Conn	1	0-	2	2	St. Petersburg, Fla	5	5	8	1	
Providence, R.I			4	3	Tampa, Fla	7	10	5	4	
Somerville, Mass					Washington, D.C.	13	9	7	1 7	
Springfield, Mass	5	8	4	6	Wilmington, Del	3	4	3		
Waterbury, Conn	-	-	(*)	-						
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Allentown, Pa	1	2	ī	2	Louisville, Ky	11	11	8	1	
Buffalo, N.Y.	11	7	3	7	Memphis, Tenn	8	2	5		
Camden, N.J.	12	4	4	4	Mobile, Ala	3	-	9.77.5	1	
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New York City, N.Y	67	69	54	73	Austin, Tex.	6	6	5		
Paterson, N.J.	5	3	1	9	Baton Rouge, La	4	2	1	1	
Philadelphia, Pa	20	14	7	17	Corpus Christi, Tex	2	-		1	
Pittsburgh, Pa	2	3	6	8	Dallas, Tex.	4	11	9		
Reading, Pa	3	3	2	5	El Paso, Tex	2	-	3		
Rochester, N.Y.	14	13	14	8	Fort Worth, Tex.	1	2	2		
Schenectady, N.Y.	1	4	3	3	Houston, Tex	6	3	6		
Scranton, Pa.	1	1	2	2	Little Rock, Ark	4	1	5		
Syracuse, N.Y.	4	1	1	2	New Orleans, La	10	6	3		
Trenton, N.J.	5	7	3	4	Oklahoma City, Okla	5	3	1	1	
Utica, N.Y	2	1	1	1	San Antonio, Tex	8	5	2		
Yonkers, N.Y	1	1	3	4	Shreveport, La	8	9.20	100		
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Chicago, Ill	34	38	30	45	Colorado Springs, Colo	2	1	3	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	6	3	5	3	Denver, Colo	6	6	7	1	
Cleveland, Ohio	3	2	6	2	Ogden, Utah	1	1	2	min a	
Columbus, Ohio	2	3	2	1	Phoenix, Ariz	7	10	4		
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Detroit, Mich	18	13	15	23	Salt Lake City, Utah	1	3	-		
Evansville, Ind	1	1	3	3	Tucson, Ariz	2	2	1	1 10 2	
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Gary, Ind.	1	2	1	3*	Berkeley, Calif	1	P. Contract	2	SYS.	
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Rockford, Ill		4	1	3	Oakland, Calif	4	9	9	1.	
South Bend, Ind	3	3		2	Pasadena, Calif	1	1	3-10	(all) a	
Toledo, Ohio	9	8	3	2	Portland, Oreg	9	2	1		
Youngstown, Ohio	1	-		2	Sacramento, Calif	3	5	3		
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ST NORTH CENTRAL:					San Francisco, Calif	6	14	13	1:	
Des Moines, Iowa	5	6	1	2	San Jose, Calif	3	4	9		
Duluth, Minn		1	1		Seattle, Wash	9	6	6		
Mansas City, Kans	2	5	1	3*	Spokane, Wash	m)-shi	1	2	935.	
Kansas City, Mo	2	6	4	3	Tacoma, Wash	3	4	1		
Lincoln, Nebr	1	1	1	2	= 2000 (100 ) 100 V		- 35	•		
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Estimate - based on average percent of divisional total. Iotals for previous weeks include reported corrections.

 4(A) Total Mortality, all ages
 12,305

 4(B) Pneumonia-Influenza Deaths, all ages
 550

 4(C) Total Deaths under 1 Year of Age
 739

4(D) Total Deaths, Persons 65 years and over.... 6,971

NOTE: All deaths by place of occurrence.

### INTERNATIONAL NOTES - QUARANTINE MEASURES

# YELLOW FEVER - Ethiopia

Ethiopia officially declared itself free of yellow fever, March 10. This is the first time Ethiopia has declared itself free of this disease since the International Sanitary Regulations were adopted by the Fourth World Health Assembly in 1951.

(Reported by Division of Foreign Quarantine, U.S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.).

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The following information should be added to the list of Yellow Fever Vaccination Centers in Section 6:

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CITY:

Traverse City, Michigan

CENTER:

Thirlby Clinic 116 Cass Street

Tel: 946-8850

CLINIC HOURS: By appointment only

FEE:

Yes

#### ERRATUM

The case of chloroquine resistant Plasmodium falciparum malaria reported in MMWR, Vol. 13, page 70, on the basis of available evidence, should not be considered resistant. Gametocytes may persist for as long as one month after completion of chloroquine therapy. Definitive proof that a strain of malaria is resistant requires the demonstration that asexual parasites persist despite the completion of several courses of therapy with the particular drug in question. Further studies of the causative strain in this case would this be required.

(Based on personal communication from Geoffrey Jeffery, Sc.D., Assistant Chief, Laboratory of Parasite Chemotherapy, NIAID, NIH, Dr. Francois Dresse, WHO-PAHO, San Salvador, El Salvador, and Howard B. Shookhoff, M.D., Chief, Division of Tropical Diseases, New York City Department of Health.)

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Notes: These provisional data are based on weekly telegrams to the Communicable Disease Center by the individual State health departments. Symbols: - - - Data not available

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